

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

Tim E. Ward et al.

Appl. No.

10/045,986

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Docket No.

701470.48 (formerly 265/282)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2003, Applicants respond as follows:

Attorney Docket Number

Please note that our Attorney Docket Number has been changed to 701470.48. Applicants respectfully request that this number be referenced in all future correspondence.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR §1.8)

I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.8, that I have reasonable basis to expect that that this paper or fee (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) would be mailed or transmitted on or before the date indicated with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on the date shown below in an envelope andressed to Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Dated:

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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Office Action in the subject application.

The fees for claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)-(d)) have been calculated as shown below:

	Claims After Amendment	Highest No. of claims paid for		Excess Claims Subject to Fee			Fee per claim	TOTAL
Total Claims	39	-	39	=	0	x	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	x	\$84.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	\$280	(if a	(if applicable)					\$0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS								\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for Filing by Small Entity. Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28. If applicable, Verified Statement must be attached.								\$0.00
TOTAL FEES FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED HEREWITH								\$0.00

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be due in connection with this filing, to counsel's Deposit Account No. 150665.

Respectfully submitted,

ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP

Dated: June 3, 2003

By:

David E. Wang Reg. No. 38,358

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